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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Title: EXHAUST GAS PURIFYING APPARATUS AND METHOD  
FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION ENGINE  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY ACCOMPANYING RCE**

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Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated September 28, 2006, and the Advisory Action dated January 18, 2007, concerning the above-referenced patent application.

Applicant has enclosed with this amendment a Petition for Extension of Time to make this response timely.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 12 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

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